(b) The responsibility for administration of the medical care under the ESI Scheme vests on the State Govts/UT Admns. Therefore, the State Govts. are required to make necessary medical arrangements before the ESI Scheme is implemented in a new area. Due to financial constraints, sometimes State Govts. find it difficult to complete the arrangement for medical care. In order to overcome this difficulty the ESI Corporation has decided to meet the total expenditure on medical care in respect of new areas for an Initial period of three years. The ESI Corporation has formulated a phased programme for implementation of the Scheme in new areas and communicated the same to the State Govts. for making medical arrangements. Meanwhile, the Scheme is being gradually implemented in new areas so as to cover maximum number of industrial workers under the ESI Scheme.

Industrial Disputes Pending in Delhi

1814. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 67 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th July, 1993 and state:

(a) whether Government constituted any separate panel of judges to preside over Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals in Delhi in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any presiding officer of Delhi Labour Court/Industrial Tribunal was recently retired compulsorily and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any other presiding officer has been appointed in his place and if so, the details thereof;

(f) the number of industrial disputes that were pending before this Labour Court/Indutrial Tribunal when the Presiding Officer was removed;

(g) whether any directive has been issued to dispose off the long pending disputes quickly; and

(h) if so, by when and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the existing practice, the officers belonging to Delhi Judicial Services/ Delhi Higher Judicial Services are appointed on deputation basis as Presiding Officers of Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals in Delhi.

(d) Yes, Sir. Shri Y. S. Jonwal, Presiding Officer, Labour Court No. I, Delhi was retired compulsorily on 1-6-93 under Fundamental Rules 56j and Rule 33 of Delhi Judicial Service Rules, 1970.

(e) No other Presiding Officer has been appointed in his place. However, Smt. Bimla Makin, Presiding Officer, Labour Court No. VI, Delhi is looking after the work of Labour Court No. I also.

(f) 2359 industrial disputes and 2827 applications were pending before the Labour Court No. I, Delhi.

(g) and (h) Old pending cases are being reviewed periodically. The Presiding Officers of Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals have also been advised to accord priority to old cases so that they are disposed of expeditiously.

Assistance to Insured Persons under ESIC

1815. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total contribution received by E.S.I.C. from insured persons and employers in the year ending 1992-93 and what is the total money spent during this period for medical benefits of insured persons;

(b) what is the number of insured persons who have been provided financial assistance of more than rupees one lakh